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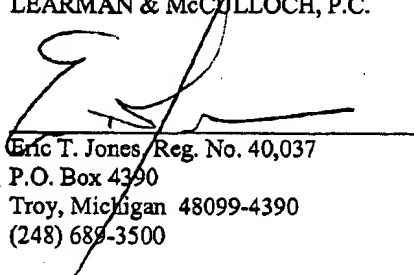
Sir:

Enclosed please find a copy of an Amendment and Response we filed April 5, 2001 in response to an Office Action dated November 8, 2000. Also enclosed is the postcard we received from the Patent & Trademark Office stamped April 5, 2001 verifying receipt of the Amendment.

This is being sent in response to a telephone Status Check Inquiry conducted by my secretary on December 3, 2001 since we had not heard anything from the U.S.P.T.O. since our April 5 amendment. In speaking with the Customer Service Department, they told us you were awaiting our response to the November 8 Office Action and to fax our Amendment to your attention.

Respectfully submitted,

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